

Minutes of the Regular Work Session of the
Board of Mayor and Aldermen, City of Kingsport, Tennessee
Monday, July 23, 2012, 4:30 PM
Council Room – City Hall

PRESENT: Board of Mayor and Aldermen

Mayor Dennis Phillips
Alderman John Clark
(arrived at 4:50 p.m.)

Alderman Mike McIntire
Vice-Mayor Tom C. Parham
Alderman Tom Segelhorst

City Administration

John G. Campbell, City Manager
J. Michael Billingsley, City Attorney
James H. Demming, City Recorder

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** 4:30 p.m. by Mayor Phillips.
2. **ROLL CALL:** By Deputy City Recorder Marshall. Absent: Alderman Valerie Joh and Alderman Jantry Shupe.
3. **WORK SESSION TICKLER.** Mayor Phillips commented on a text he had received from the floor company on Highwater about their entrance being blocked and asked staff to be aware of this situation. Public Works Director Ryan McReynolds informed Alderman McIntire the bidding process for Cleek Road would begin in late summer. The Mayor also asked for an update on the Netherland Inn Roundabout. Mr. McReynolds pointed out there was an agenda item addressing this issue (Item VI.D.5) approving a take-over agreement. City Attorney Billingsley provided further details.
4. **AQUATIC CENTER UPDATE.** Mr. Frank Brewer informed the Board that those who were working on this project appreciated their visit to the site. He stated the project was still on budget, but due to the recent bad weather they are behind about thirteen days. However, he stated, the company is confident the lost time will be made up and the project will be finished as scheduled. Mr. Brewer then summarized what had been accomplished at the site in the last thirty days. Assistant to the City Manager Chris McCartt provided further details regarding the contingency Denark has built up, allowing for additional work without a change order. Mr. McCartt also stated the project will soon be getting media coverage to show progress of this facility.
5. **REVIEW OF AGENDA ITEMS ON THE JULY 24, 2012 REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING AGENDA.** City Manager Campbell, members of staff and community members provided a summary or presentation for each item on the proposed agenda. Those items the Board discussed at greater length or which received specific questions or concerns included:

VI.AA.1 Public Hearing and Consideration of Ordinances to Annex/Amend Zoning of the Childress Ferry Annexation and Consideration of a Resolution Adopting the Plan of Services (AF: 215-2012). City Planner Ken Weems gave a brief presentation on this item, noting this annexation was at the request of the property owner.

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VI.B.1 Consideration of a Budget Ordinance to Appropriate Grant Funds Approved by the Department of Justice, Justice Assistance Grant Program (JAG) (AF: 226-2012). City Manager Campbell stated this grant would purchase in-car cameras for police cruisers. Police Chief Osborne provided further details on the use of these cameras and how many were already installed.

VI.B.2 Consideration of an Ordinance to Appropriate Visitor Enhancement Program Funds to the Meadowview Winery Project (AF: 228-2012). City Manager Campbell explained these funds would provide furniture and cabinets. There was some discussion on the Visitor Enhancement Program.

VI.D.1 Consideration of a Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Sign a Document for Approval for Northeast State Community College to Sublease Room KC304 of the Kingsport Center for Higher Education to Lincoln Memorial University for Purposes of Operations Related to Their Course Offerings in the Facility (AF: 222-2012). City Manager Campbell pointed out this was the first time the position of nurse practitioner was being offered.

VI.D.2 Consideration of a Resolution for the City Recorder to Reconcile and Adjust Uncollectible Public Utility Property Tax for the Tax Year 2001 (AF: 229-2012). City Manager Campbell noted this included an addition to a similar item from the last meeting. City Recorder Demming provided further details.

VI.D.4 Consideration of a Resolution Authorizing the Purchase of 800MHz Radios for Public Works Crews to Replace Current Radio System Due to Narrowbanding Requirements of the FCC (AF: 227-2012). City Manager Campbell explained this new system would be compatible with other Public Works departments in the region. Ronnie Hammonds provided further details, noting Kingsport would now be able to communicate with Johnson City and Sullivan County.

VI.D.5 Consideration of a Resolution Approving a Takeover Agreement with Companion Property & Casualty Insurance Company and Authorizing the Mayor to Execute the Agreement (AF: 236-2012). See Item 3 (Work Session Tickler).

VI.D.8 Consideration of a Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Execute All Documents Necessary and Proper to Apply for and Receive Arts Works Grant from the National Endowment for the Arts (AF: 233-2012). Assistant to the City Manager Chris McCartt noted this grant provided a unique opportunity to promote production in conjunction with the symphony.

VI.D.9 Consideration of a Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Execute All Documents Necessary and Proper to Apply for and Receive Innovation Grant from the Americans for the Arts (AF: 234-2012). City Manager Campbell gave information on this item and provided further details on the grant process for Alderman Clark.

VI.D.10 Consideration of a Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Sign a Contract with the Tennessee Department of Transportation Accepting a Federal Enhancement

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Grant for Extension of the Greenbelt (Rotherwood Section) (AF: 224-2012). City Manager Campbell commented this has been a long-term effort and would allow the greenbelt to cross the river.

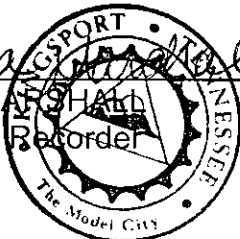
VI.D.11 Consideration of a Resolution Awarding the Bid for Sullivan Street Improvements Phase I and Authorize the Mayor to Sign All Applicable Documents (AF: 235-2012). Assistant Public Works Director Michael Thompson stated the bid was put out for both asphalt and concrete, noting the benefits of using concrete. Public Works Director Ryan McReynolds provided further details. Discussion followed.


BOARD COMMENT. Alderman McIntire asked if there had been a decision made for the carousel relocation. Assistant to the City Manager Chris McCartt noted a meeting was scheduled for this week with the carvers, city staff and the architects.

PUBLIC COMMENT. Ms. Barbara Brown commented on the suggested ticket prices listed in the newspaper for the Aquatic Center. Some discussion followed. Mayor Phillips emphasized that the fees have not been set yet.

5. ADJOURN. Seeing no other matters presented for discussion at this work session, Mayor Phillips adjourned the meeting at 5:45 p.m.


ANGELA MARSHALL
Deputy City Recorder




DENNIS R. PHILLIPS
Mayor